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ALUMNI DEFEAT W.H.S. BY 6-5 SCORE

FIRST ANNUAL RUGBY GAME THANKSGIVING

The alumni came back and defeated the rugby team of Washington High school in a hard-fought and fairly well played game at Centerville on Thanksgiving morning. The score of 6 to 5 is a good indicator of the closeness of the contest, the outcome of which was a distinct surprise. The high school boys were minus four regulars, and had been out of training for three weeks so that the sting of defeat does not seem so keen. There was a good crowd present and the game was a successful innovation in every way. It is safe to say that it was the first annual Washington High-Alumni rugby match, and that more will follow.

The teams were on the field shortly after ten o'clock; the regulars in their uniform garb of black and gold; the alumni in suits as diversely colored as the famous coat of many colors that features a chapter or so of the old testament. Late arrivals delayed the start for nearly an hour, during which time the alumni got in some good practice under the direction of W. von Manderscheid, who played with them in the first half and refereed the second spasm.

Sometime near eleven o'clock the game commenced, the regulars kicking off to the alumni, who defended the east goal. The alumni were kept on the defensive for most of the first half, and things looked pretty grim for them. Finally they got their second wind and carried the ball into the west end of the field. After a neat passing rush among the forwards Buschard made a fifteen yard dodgerun for the first alumni try. The goal was from a hard angle and Jacobus failed to convert. The whistle blew ending with the score standing 3-0 in favor of the alumni.

The second half opened with the regulars defending the east goal. After the kick-off the ball was near the center of the field for the first ten minutes of play. Then the alumni seemed to wither from the regulars' attack. Several fine passing rushes brought the ball into the west end. From a twenty-yard scrum Hawes passed to F. Zwissig, who passed to Rose, who passed to Bond who transferred the ball again to Zwissig who scored. The play was a very neatly executed bit of passing. Hawes converted from a difficult angle. This brought the score to 5-3 in the regulars' favor.

With the kick-off the alumni again assumed the aggressive, and carried their lighter opponents off their feet. From a thirty yard line-out Guy Jacobus received the ball on a pass, made a pretty dodging run of twenty yards and passed to Runkel who went over near the corner of the field. The goal was an impossible one and Jacobus failed to convert, leaving the score 6-5 in favor of the alumni.

The ball hovered around mid-field for the rest of the game, which ended a few minutes later when the ball went into touch on the high school's twenty-five yard line.

Woman's Club

The Niles Woman's Club held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday afternoon of last week at Belvoir. Over twenty ladies were present. Mrs. G. C. Hulson, President in the chair. Mrs. W. H. Tyson as Secretary made the report of the last meeting followed by an informal discussion of various subjects by the members. Mrs. King of Irvington, Mrs. Martenstein and Mrs. Tyson of Niles gave old time reminiscences of Niles. Mrs. Decoto and Mrs. Miller of Irvington favored the company with several recitations. Mrs. Thane spoke of the despoiling of our beautiful canyon by automobile tourists in the ruthless gathering of the Christmas berries. Mr. Willis Case of the Keystone View Company was present to explain in regard to the stereopticon lecture sets furnished to schools and individuals. Before the close of the afternoon tea and cakes were served during a social half hour. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dassel on Thursday, Dec. 14th.

The Opposing Factions Included:

Alumni	Position	W. H. S.
A. Burchardl	Front Rank	Emerson
Murphy (Collins)	Front Rank	George
Collins (C. Burchardl)	Look	May
Blacow	Side Rank	Copeland
Barnard	Side Rank	Noll
Snow (Trimmingham)	Breakaway	Hauch
Nunes	Breakaway	Piers
Von Manderscheid (Snow)	Wing Forward	Valencia
N. Jacobus	Half	Hawes
Runkel	First Five	F. Zwissig
Guy Jacobus	Second Five	P. Rose
Trimmingham (Carr)	Center Three	Bond
Tyson (Mickle)	L. Wing R.	Chadbourne
Harry Jacobus	R. Wing L.	C. Zwissig (Rose)
L. Bunting	Full-back	F. Zwissig
Referee, Beard (Mickle) and Von Manderscheid.		

CORPORATION IS SOLD FOR \$12,697,400

A fortune in checks changed hands on the steps of the Courthouse at 10 o'clock this morning and, incidentally dealt the death blow to the old Peoples Water Company and its subsidiary corporations, when E. S. Heller, a San Francisco attorney, representing the East Bay Water Company, gave Court Commissioner Joseph B. Lanktree \$12,697,400 for the concern.

From the hour of 10:04 in the morning the east bay cities were being served with water by the East Bay Water Company. The Peoples Water Company, the Contra Costa Water Company, the Oakland Water Company, the Alameda Artesian Company and the East Shore Water Company, subsidiary corporations absorbed by the Peoples Company, are dead, and have in turn been absorbed by the new corporation, which consists, in the main, of the stock and shareholders of the old corporation.

It was a dramatic scene on the Courthouse steps. Lanktree read hurriedly the court order which decreed that the mortgage against the Peoples Company be foreclosed. At his right stood Heller, a white paper in his hand bearing the figures of the fortune which he was just about to hand over to the auctioneer of corporations. An interested group of attorneys, court attaches, passersby, newspapermen and members of the board of directors of the new corporation stood in a semi-circle. Lanktree's voice and the click of cameras were the only sound audible. Then:

"What am I bid," shouted Lanktree. "Here you are," answered Heller, shoving his white paper in Lanktree's hands. Lanktree read out the figures: "Twelve million, six hundred and ninety-seven thousand, four hundred dollars."

"Are there any other bidders?" called Lanktree, in accordance with the age-old custom of men who auction things away, no matter what their proportions or worth. There was no answer. He read the figures of the bid again.

"Once," he cried, his right hand upraised. "Twice, I have been offered \$12,697,400. Three times. Sold. Sold to E. S. Heller for \$12,697,400."

And Lanktree handed over the lengthy descriptions of the physical properties of the dead corporation, receiving in return a handful of checks on the Oakland Bank of Savings for the entire amount of the bid. Lanktree did not tarry and lost no time in going to the bank.

Heller was joined by R. M. Fitzgerald and Arthur G. Tashiera, two more of the board of directors of the new water corporation, and the three made their way up Broadway.

It was only through the stipulation of attorneys that Lanktree, as court commissioner, was saved a tedious labor. It was stipulated that he need not read the book of descriptions of the Peoples Company's properties. Had he had to read this book it is estimated that it would have taken him ten hours to do so. It took eight days for a printer to make over the dry description into type.

The costs of the sale, exclusive of printing costs, attorney's fees, the ad-

J. M. NORRIS IS INJURED IN FALL FROM A WAGON

J. M. Norris of Centerville met with a very serious accident last Saturday forenoon. He was hauling beets and in attempting to cross the railroad track he was thrown from the seat

upon the iron in front of the wagon. The entire side of his face was badly lacerated and he also suffered a fractured skull. After the wagon had passed above him he arose and started to walk away not realizing how bad he was hurt. Dr. Adams was called and after dressing the wound he was taken to the hospital at Hayward where he is now reported to be doing well considering the serious nature of his injuries.

Mr. Norris is one of Centerville's best known citizens and his many friends are anxiously hoping for his recovery.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR

In spite of the high cost of living and sundry other petty annoyances we surely have every reason to be thankful that we are not living in Europe. It is much worse over there.

Advertising bills and the court costs, were just under \$21,000. Attorneys' fees alone totaled \$100,000.

The Peoples Company had been in distress for several years and was deemed to be dying of financial stringency. The interest on underlying bonds had been due since July, 1915, and the interest on Peoples Water Company bonds had not been paid since January, 1914. The obligations of the subsidiary corporations total \$5,600,000 and those of the Peoples Company \$2,200,000. This sum represents notes now payable.

So more than a year ago the stock and bondholders of the Peoples Company got together and appointed a reorganization committee. Most of the stocks and bonds were placed in escrow with the Mercantile Trust Company in San Francisco. Then a number of minority stockholders, represented by J. F. Carlston and other Oakland men, objected to the course of procedure of the existing reorganization committee. After much delay a compromise was effected and the minority holders were given representation on the committee.

Attorneys for the committee, of which John S. Drum of San Francisco was chairman, then went into the courts and foreclosed a mortgage against the Peoples' company, and a court order was issued ordering the sale, which was consummated this week. Thus did the Peoples Water Company die and the East Bay Water Company come into existence to carry on the work of the old corporation.

"Within ten days," Heller said after he had bought in the Peoples' Company, "new securities will be issued to cover the outstanding obligations which the new company has assumed. Soon the new company will float a \$15,000,000 bond issue. Half of this will be used in the settlement of outstanding obligations, and the remainder will be held in the treasury for the extension of service, maintenance and as working capital. The water problems of the east bay cities are about to be solved."

The passing of the Peoples Water Company marks the passing, also, of Frank C. Havens, its president, as the water king of this side of the bay.

"DRYS" MAKE PLANS-RENEWING CAMPAIGN

There will be no compromise by the prohibition element in California. This became certain as a result of the convention held in San Francisco of the northern and southern executive committees of the California Campaign Federation, which fathered the dry amendments at the last election.

It was decided at the convention that the campaign for prohibition should be prosecuted without cessation between now and the election of 1918. It was not determined in just what form future amendments would be presented. A committee was appointed to draw up tentative amendments to be submitted for the approval of a general convention of the dry forces, to be held in the spring.

This committee at present consists of the following fourteen members, who were empowered to increase the membership to twenty-five.

A. J. Wallace, Los Angeles.
D. M. Gandier, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Anna E. K. Bidwell, Chico.
Arthur Arlett, Oakland.
F. W. Odell, Pasadena.
George E. Burlingame, San Francisco.
H. A. Wheeler, Los Angeles.
H. H. Bell, San Anselmo.
Julia D. Phelps, Los Angeles.
A. W. Naylor, Berkeley.
A. W. Fry, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, Riverside.
Mrs. Sarah J. Dorr, College Park.
H. Clay Needham, Los Angeles.

It is probable that the committee will formulate three amendments. One of them is certain to provide for absolute prohibition. The others are in doubt. But judging from the sentiment expressed at the convention additional amendments may provide for partial prohibition, as did amendment No. 2 on the ballot of November 7, and for a straight anti-saloon measure.

There was considerable divergence of opinion at the convention, but every one was jubilant, according to former Lieutenant Governor A. J. Wallace, who presided. The results of the election were canvassed with general satisfaction, the view being taken that the great increase in the proportion of dry votes over two years ago gave promise of victory two years hence.

The nearest approach to a concession was the recognition given by some of the dry campaigners to the general expressions that a "clear-cut anti-saloon measure would have carried." It is this sentiment that may lead to the presentation of such a measure by the prohibitionists along with their "bone-dry" amendment at the next election. There is a feeling plainly manifest among many of the drys, however, that their ultimate objective—complete prohibition—would be indefinitely postponed by the passage of an anti-saloon amendment.

It was announced by D. M. Gandier, secretary of the convention and manager of the last campaign, that the new campaign would not wait until 1918, but would commence immediately. Attention is first to be directed to supervisorial elections in sections of the state which gave a dry vote on November 7. Such elections will be promoted wherever possible under the Wyllie local option law.

Guild Bazaar

The annual Bazaar given by the Ladies Guild of the Niles Congregational Church last week Friday afternoon and evening was a most gratifying success,—over two hundred dollars being added to the Guild fund from the net proceeds. A Mother Goose program was given in the afternoon by the children under the direction of Mrs. Macy and Mrs. Oakshott and the tables were filled at the chicken dinner served from 5 to 7:30. In the evening a program of music and recitations entertained the large number present. Several vocal selections were given by Mrs. Krell of Berkeley. Mrs. Davis of Centerville pleased all with her violin playing. Miss Anita Miner of Oakland and Mrs. Richmond of Alvarado, each gave several recitations. Most of the articles offered for sale at the various tables were disposed of before the close of the evening. The Niles ladies wish to thank the friends from Centerville, Newark, and Irvington who kindly assisted them.

CONGRESS IS PLANNING ONE CENT POSTAGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The ways are now being greased for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of Congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committees are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis.

A zone system of rates for second class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rate has for some time been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul.

The postal committees have been besieged with petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousand letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view of making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to

permit the granting of a one cent rate on local delivery letters in the next session of congress.

Chairman Moon of the House Postal Committee, today said: "I think that the committee will take up this second class mail matter at the next session and press it through to a conclusion at once. While I cannot speak for the committee, this is my desire in the matter. I do not know what kind of a bill we will pass, whether it will have a zone feature attached to it or not. This view has been presented frequently in years past, and sometimes received favor and sometimes not. As to what shape the legislation will be in I am not able to say, but I am sure the committee will give it the best possible shape in the public interest."

Congressman Dill, of Wash., said: "Such legislation would be specially valuable to local merchants in developing new business. The country is growing more prosperous each day and a cheaper drop letter postage, in my opinion, would aid in making it more prosperous than it has ever been."

Congressman Julius Kahn, of Cal., said that: "Since the government derives a very great profit from letters carried and delivered at distant point it is certain the profit realized on local, or the so called drop letters, must be exorbitant. In view of this condition which is vouched for by postal experts I believe that congress will be justified in taking immediate action."

Congressman McArthur, of Oregon, takes the stand that the cost of transporting a letter should have something to do with the postal rate, and there is no valid reason why more than one cent should be charged for local deliveries. If my bill becomes a law it will have a great tendency to stimulate business."

Congressman Humphrey, of Wash., said: "I cannot believe that it is fair or just that all the people should be taxed for the benefit of the magazine publishers of the country. That is exactly what is done under the present system of two-cent postage. Every person that places a two cent stamp on a letter is taxed one cent for the benefit of the magazines."

Congressman Randall of Cal., a member of the postal committee and author of the zone rate bill for second-class matter, says that his bill is designed to remove several gross evils from which the American people suffer in the administration of the postal affairs of the country. "The time has come," said Mr. Randall, "when the postal service must be put on a business basis. Discriminations against the man who buys the two cent stamp, and against the publishers of the newspaper in the local field must cease. The postal rate of one cent per pound which is granted as a virtual subsidy to the national papers of the magazine class has resulted in fabulous fortunes for private interests, and to which the postal department is given a plain contribution of more than eighty million dollars annually."

RABID RAVINGS BY RIP VAN WRINKLE THE ALUMNI GAME

The unexpected happened. The wheezing alumni team lasted longer than was anticipated and were victorious. They took their success modestly. There was no vainglorious show of over-exuberance. As a matter of fact, although their victory was a surprise, to themselves, as much as to everybody else, it was hard earned and there was just about enough breath left with which to cheer the vanquished.

Barring a few momentary flashes of extraordinary eagerness that verged toward pugnacity and that were at once forgotten, the game was played in an extremely friendly spirit. The closeness of the game caused a slight tendency toward disputation due also to ignorance on the part of the disputants. Von Manderscheid, who was referee during the hotly contested second half, is an authority on rugby. Besides being an Olympic Club player, he is a regular Rugby Union referee, and was a member of the selection committee that picked the two teams for the All British-American game played in Oakland Thanksgiving Day. Last year he coached the Oakland high school team, and this year devoted some of his spare hours assisting Charley Austin in developing Santa Clara's wonderful aggregation. The boys were extremely fortunate in having him on hand to help make the day the success that it was.

Incidentally there will be another next year. The alumni seem to be drifting together again, and next year propose to have a regular team. They will probably organize a club and arrange for games with teams about the bay as well as practicing against the high school boys.

The First Annual W. H. S.-Alumni rugby game was a success, and more will follow.

THE WAR AND THE H. C. L.
To jump from the sublime to the ridiculous, consider the H. C. L. As Shakespeare once remarked to Bacon: "To be or not to be, that is the question." Whether the H. C. L. continues skyward is a question. In fact it is almost not a question, for prices are jumping up, and up, and again up. Wherever the pessimist, being one who "fetcenizes his bitter pills", proclaims the cant that the "masses are asses", sticks out his chest, looks wise, and grabs off another hunk of cheese for his own lunch.

Even with the War and its illegitimate child, H. C. L., and with the pessimistic slush gushing from the pseudo-radical pens of accredited revolutionists, the real leaders of the movement toward the new democracy are beginning to look up again and go ahead with new faith in the social order that is to be. Always a wave of apparent reaction precedes a sudden decisive advance of progressive ideas. The world seems to be on the verge of a forward movement that will sweep the cave dwellers off the earth.

KEEPING TABS ON HIRAM JOHNSON

Closing an eloquent and timely editorial on the subject of Hiram Johnson, of California, just elected to the United States Senate, the Kansas City Star says in clarion, though, on the whole, sympathetic tones:

"Watch him."

The advice is well meant, but unnecessary.

You might as well tell the denizens of the frozen north to watch the aurora borealis. There's nothing else to watch.

Watching Wilson is like sitting in a seance where tables tip and bells tinkle, and boards rattle, and graveyards yawn, but nothing is visible to the naked eye. Watching Hughes is like looking at the frost on the window pane—beautiful, apparent, puzzling, intricate, but not diverting. Watching Roosevelt is like putting a cyclone on a microscopic slide. But watching Hiram Johnson is going to be the chief outdoor and indoor sport, recreation and adventure for the American continent for the next twenty years.

—William Allen White in California Outlook.

Coming Events

December 16. Saturday evening. Macabee Dance. Connor's Hall, Niles.

January 1. Monday. Chevrolet automobile given away free by Jones & Ellsworth.

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EDITORIAL

READY FOR JOB WORK

The Press office has just installed a new job press and we have put our job department in shape so that we are now prepared to do any kind of job work desired. Our old press met with a serious accident last week which necessitated the change and we have decided to give special attention to this class of work hereafter. Although all kinds of paper and printing materials are extremely high we will be glad to fill any orders at as reasonable a cost as present conditions warrant. Send us in your orders and we will take care of them.

A number of our subscribers have voluntarily renewed their subscriptions this week. We appreciate it and we trust all who can will try to pay their subscription in advance. We need the money to pay running expenses and every subscription renewed puts new courage into the work.

Luther W. Rood has given up the publication of the San Leandro Standard, passing the responsibility over to M. Murch of the Observer, a paper started by Mr. Murch about a year ago. Lack of support on the part of business men is given as the reason. Some time since the Standard plant was moved to Oakland where the paper has been printed. Mr. Rood has a position on the Oakland Enquirer and is doubtless relieved to unshackle his San Leandro burden. During the recent campaign the Standard was decidedly for the "Wets" but according to Rood it didn't pay more than \$10 a month in advertising. Rood is a good news hustler, and got out a good local newspaper but San Leandro doesn't seem to want three local newspapers.

The death of George Petermann, County School Attendance Officer occurred last week. Mr. Petermann was well qualified for the position and his death is keenly regretted by all. During his brief service as Attendance Officer Mr. Petermann had won the esteem of those with whom he had worked by reason of his fine gentlemanly qualities and through appreciation of all angles of the school attendance problem.

Mrs. Edna Overacker of Niles has received the appointment of Member of the County Board of Education. Mrs. Overacker is at present a school trustee.

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We intend to build up the subscription list of the Press and this is one of the premiums we are now offering.

tee of the Niles School District. She is also the Clerk of the Board. She is very active in school affairs and is interested in educational advancement and ought to make a very useful member of the Board.

The new County School Attendance Officer, Mr. Welch, is a brother-in-law of Supervisor Heyer. He was formerly in the service of the Pacific Telephone Co.

CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT CHARTER

The Executive Committee of the City and County Charter Association at its meeting last week voted to place the school department under the control of the proposed manager. The special committee reported in favor of having the Mayor appoint the Board of Education. This report was turned down.

We believe that those behind the proposed form of government are desirous of a rather rude awakening when the voters get a chance at the proposed form of government. Despite the benevolent intentions of the men who are sacrificing democracy for the sake of efficiency and economy in the proposed scheme, the people generally will not take kindly to placing almost the entire city and county government in the control of a Board of Supervisors elected under the old ward system. There is too great a chance of manipulation and control by the same old methods, that formerly obtained under the old convention system. A well organized coterie of politicians would soon get a majority on the Board and when they did they would control the patronage of the County including the schools.

The so-called ballot may have its merits but the people have shown a much more discriminating intelligence than some of the most enthusiastic democrats believed possible. They are very apt to show the same discrimination in voting on a county charter especially when it proposes to take almost the entire control out of their hands.

From what we have seen of the workings of the Executive Committee and the attitude toward the judgment of the public in general we are having a most delightful time fixing up a government according to their own ideas. The only trouble is that Alameda is not Germany and the people are rather suspicious of such excessive shortening of the ballot.

The whole trouble with the charter framers is that their fundamental principle of centralization is out of harmony with the present tendencies toward real democracy.

So far as the county end of Alameda County is concerned we believe they would rather suffer the necessity of maintaining a separate county government than subscribe to the kind of government which the new charter at present proposes.

And from what we know of the temper of the people in the cities we believe they will not take kindly to the German brand of efficiency which the would-be charter makers are at present thinking of offering them.

AN EDITORIAL IN THE REGISTER

Some one wrote an editorial in the Register last week in which it is intimated that the big legal notice of the Peoples Water Co. was given out by J. B. Lanktree of Oakland. It so happens that Mr. Lanktree has been virtually doing with designating the newspapers in which it was to be printed. The list was furnished him by the attorneys for the water companies' interested. As the new company is simply the old company plus the Spring Valley interests in the new company the source of the list of newspapers is very plain.

We don't begrudge the Register its fat Christmas present and we would be particularly glad if most of it goes to Miles Smith, the present editor of the Register. The fact remains nevertheless, that while Will Jeffers may not be the present editor, he is still a part owner in the paper.

For its past services in behalf of the corporation the Register is certainly entitled to be on the favored list of the corporations.

The point we make is that a newspaper can not be on both sides in this controversy. If the Register has not taken sides of late it has simply been because it was best serving the inter-

TO WOODROW!

(A. J. Waterhouse, in S. F. Star.)

I love to think he still will sit within the Presidential chair. The hasting moons may onward flit, but still they'll find him there; and though the world go wholly mad and roar of cannon never cease, he still will be our chosen lad to lead us in the paths of peace. I love to think the White House yet will be his cheerful, cozy home, with ne'er a window marked "To Let", and ne'er a fear that he will roam. There he will sit and think perhaps of good that's meant for me and you, while diplomats and statesmen chaps walk in and say, "How do you do?" I love to think we're safe again against the boys who yearn for gore—that is, if shed by other men—so they can add unto their store; so they can gather ducaats in, each one bewet by blood of man (for what is life if coin you win?)—I love to think he'll halt their plan. I love to think where Lincoln sat, he, too, will sit for four years more, and add unto the glory that our splendid fathers won of yore; and he will do it, never fear, though grievous burdens still increase; so here's to you, Woodrow dear, and may God grant you years of peace.

ests of its masters by being quiet. Let the occasion arise, and the proper strings can easily be pulled and the Register will again be loyal to its masters.

G. PETERMANN IS CALLED BY GRIM REAPER

After a lingering illness of several months, George Petermann of Oakland passed away last week at Pasadena where he had gone hoping to recover his health. Mr. Petermann was well known in San Leandro, having for many years been an assistant in the county tax collector's office, and of recent years having held the position of assistant county treasurer.

Deceased was a native of Mt. Eden and was 41 years of age. He leaves besides a widow, Mrs. George Petermann, a mother, Mrs. Mary Petermann; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Brandt, Mrs. George A. Oakes, Miss Mamie Petermann and F. J. Petermann.

Cremation took place in Pasadena on Thursday, the remains to be placed in a vault in Oakland.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended the widow, especially, who was formerly Miss Mamie

Garcia, a niece of Mrs. A. S. Furrado of Callan avenue, this being her second bereavement in recent weeks, her sister, Miss Amelia Garcia, having passed away just one month ago.

AFTER THE GRABBERS

Through the somnolence of the voters of Oakland, F. M. Smith and unknown others slipped one over on them and grabbed the water front on a ninety-nine years' lease. It is true, the voters—a few of them—went to the polls and expressed their desire to be tied to the Smith chariot, but many of them have since awakened and realize their mistake.

It is greatly to the credit of Mayor John L. Davis that he fought the grab from the beginning, and that he has not let up on it even since it was apparently settled. Although approved by a majority vote, the grant is inoperative with the sanction of the Legislature, and Davis and Senator Edward J. Tyrrell, who also has opposed the proposition since its suggestion, will make a vigorous fight to prevent its ratification.

Davis announced that will appear before the Legislature and ask the State to take back all the water front lands held by the city of Oakland under special grant. The water front in question includes all lands along the Oakland estuary and bordering on San Francisco Bay on the western front. The Mayor declares that Oakland has violated every trust imposed by the State and is no longer entitled to control it. Practically every foot of the estuary frontage has been virtually given away on leases ridiculously unremunerative, and now it is proposed to turn 500 acres over to Smith for unknown principals.

Davis claims the real parties at interest are members of a Japanese syndicate. While the great Japanese steamship and commercial interests would pay any amount almost for control of Oakland's magnificent water front, the possibility of such control is enough to show how outrageous is the effort to place its disposition in the hands of Smith and his confederates, whose identity he has steadfastly refused to disclose. Whether or not these are Japanese is of minor consequence.

The Star is inclined to agree with Oakland's Mayor that the safest plan is for the State to repossess itself of these lands and thus relieve the generous citizens of that city of any temptation to spend their patrimony like an intoxicated hobo on the first "good fellow" that comes along.

— S. F. Star.

At the Churches

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Niles, California
H. H. GILL, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church services, 11:00 a. m.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTERVILLE
REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday—Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newark, California
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m., Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

S. F. TIME TABLE			
IN EFFECT OCT. 1, 1916			
SAN FRANCISCO TO NILES			
Train	Lv. S.F.	Lv. Oak.	Ar. Niles
No.	(Mkt. St.)	(1st-Bd.)	
210	1:20a	1:57a	2:42a
500		4:00a	4:45a
90	6:40a	7:11a	8:08a
82	7:20a	7:51a	8:40a
32	8:20a	8:55a	10:00a
504	12:40p	1:15p	2:13p
38	4:00p	4:30p	5:12p
52*	4:40p	5:10p	5:47p
96	4:40p	5:12p	6:07
80	5:00p	5:30p	6:12p
182**	5:20p	5:53p	6:47p
98	6:40p	7:11p	7:58
184 Sun. only	7:40p	8:11p	9:02p

TRACY TO SAN FRANCISCO via Niles
Train From Lv. Niles Av. Oak. Ar. S.F.
No. 1st St.
88 S.F. 5:45a 6:25a 7:10a
93 Liv. 6:54a 7:51a 8:30a
91 S.F. 7:57a 8:55a 9:30a
79 S.F. 8:55a 9:33a 10:10a
181 S.P. 1:30p 2:13p 2:50p
31 S.S. Ex. 2:20p 3:10p 3:50p
97 S.J.P. 4:35p 5:32p 6:10p
37 S.F. Pas. 6:12p 6:53p 7:30p
51* Bak. Pas. 8:51p 9:28p 10:00p

Trains leave Niles for Centerville and Newark: No. 5:07 at 4:45 a. m., 5:05 at 9:15 a. m., No. 5:13 at 6:58 a. m., 5:09 at 2:25 p. m., 5:15 at 5:12 p. m.
Trains leave San Francisco for Niles via Newark and Centerville: No. 188, lv. Newark 9:35 a. m., arr. Niles 9:50 a. m., No. 92 lv. San Francisco 12:40 p. m., arr. Newark 2:00 p. m., arr. Niles 2:15 p. m.

NILES TO SAN JOSE
Trains leave Niles at 8:10 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 1:35 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 6:12 p. m., 8:00 p. m.

SAN JOSE TO NILES
Trains leave San Jose: 5:15 a. m., 7:20 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 12:45 p. m., 3:55 p. m.

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ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916: January 15, February 12, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2.
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The general demand for some action on the part of the Government to curb the rapacity of the boosters of the prices of necessities has not been in vain. Three separate investigations are already being conducted by the Department of Justice into what are denominated "the recent abnormal increases in the prices of various necessities of life."

There is good reason to believe that these increases are not, as we have been uniformly informed, due to the European war. Certainly some articles have been affected by the unusual demand from abroad, but that coal, grains, gasoline, sugar, and many other necessities have been advanced anywhere from 25 to 100 percent. le-

ing, there is the best of reason to believe that the shortage is artificial. The most vital problem of all is the price of bread. With the phenomenal rise in the quotations of the exchange on all grains, to which there seems no limit, bread in nearly every city of importance has advanced one and two cents a loaf, depending on the size of loaf. This means a jump of 20 percent. While this is a tremendous increase, the bakers claim it is impossible to avoid it on account of the high price of flour, and another 20 percent increase is threatened.

To meet the situation and prevent a bread famine in spite of an abundant natural supply of wheat, it is seriously proposed to place an embargo upon exports of foodstuffs until the normal home demand is fully provided for. The great war has created a shortage in the markets of the world, and the American people are being "held up" to meet the prices fixed by the necessities of foreign markets.

Philanthropy is a fine thing. Theoretically it is delightful to suffer deprivation for the relief of those whose only claim on you is that of a common humanity. But when in order to supply their needs, our own women and children must suffer, then we will do well to remember the old adage "Charity begins at home".

There has been no natural catastrophe to cause the dearth of foodstuffs in Europe; no overwhelming destruction by fire, flood or earthquake. The seasons have come and gone, the sun has shone, and the rain has fallen, as usual. The land would have produced abundant crops had it been tilled and reaped. If the nations prefer death and destruction, it is for them to choose—and a shortage of foodstuffs is a minor evil to those they have enthusiastically embraced.

It has been asserted that the United States cannot forbid the exportation of its products. Possibly this is so under normal conditions. But we have learned a lot in the last two years. Germany has shown us that she can control not only the price of necessities, but can actually dictate their distribution. England, also, has commandeered men, ships, coal, railroads—practically everything. Shall America alone hesitate to adopt new methods?

In Canada, where similar conditions prevail, a drastic law against combinations to enhance prices of necessities of life has just been promulgated. The penalty for its violation is \$5000 fine or two years' imprisonment. The Canadian Government has taken action by orders in council under the war measures act, which gives it full powers. Food, clothing, fuel and materials for manufacture are all classed as necessities. The existing Canadian law against "combinations" is strengthened.

It is made an offense, also, hereafter to limit facilities for transportation, production, manufacturing, storage and merchandising necessities of life, or to prevent or lessen competition in production, sale or transportation. No person may accumulate or withhold from sale necessities beyond the amount reasonably obtained for the person or firms, household or business. "Necessity knows no law," and the necessity for self-preservation may force us to revise our old notions of what the United States Government may or may not do. S. F. Star.

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10:50	2:50	6:50	Niles	8:10	11:40	3:50
11:00	3:00	7:00	Centerville	8:00	11:30	3:40

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MEN'S LEAGUE REVIVED AT NILES CHURCH

After a long vacation the Men's League has decided to take up work for the winter with renewed energy. The first gun to be fired in a strong winter campaign will take place next Sunday evening at the church.

There will be regular Sunday evening church service with special music. Mr. Eduard Eichenberg will aid in making the service bright by some flute solos. The address of the evening will be delivered by Mr. Gill. Congress is to convene at Washington the day following, so the subject chosen is "What would you do tomorrow if you were a Congressman?" Men's league business meeting follows.

Next Sunday evening will be the beginning of the regular Sunday evening church services which will run through the winter. Each evening service will begin promptly at 7:45 and will close one hour later.

Special missionary services will be held at the Sunday school and morning preaching hours.

The entire community will find a hearty welcome at all our gatherings.

MISSION

The Misses Tessie and Irene Whitfield were visitors in Oakland on Thanksgiving day.

The Catholic fair held last week was a great success. On Monday evening there will be a sale of all unsold articles.

BIG SHIPMENT OF COTTON ON W. P. SIDETRACKS

The Western Pacific side track at Niles is filled up with twenty-seven carloads of cotton awaiting an opportunity to be shipped to the Orient. The side track at Carbona and Lathrop are similarly filled. The cotton is part of

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NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that Monday the 18th day of December 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Anton D. Goulart to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Decoto in Decoto Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE BY SOLE REFEREE IN PARTITION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.
ANDREW J. COMPTON, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
ANNIE E. ALBERTI, et al.,
Defendants.
No. 50591, Dept. No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Interlocutory Decree in Partition made and entered in and by said Superior Court in the above entitled action in partition, of date November 22nd 1916, the undersigned Sole Referee appointed in and by said decree to make sale of the real property hereinafter described, will as such Sole Referee, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, on or after Monday the 11th day of December 1916 at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Room No. 1110 Union Savings Bank Building, at the Northeast corner of Thirteenth Street and Broadway, in the city of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, all of the following described real property, to-wit:

All that real property situate in the Town of Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the County Road from Centerville to Irvington where said center line is intersected by the Northwestern boundary line of lands of the Ladies Town Hall Association, also known and described as Survey No. 89 of the lands of the ex-Mission of San Jose; and running thence Northwesterly a long said center line Forty-two 1/2 (42.50) feet, more or less, to the South easterly boundary line of Survey No. 91 of said ex-Mission lands; thence running along said boundary line of said survey No. 91, being the boundary line of lands now or recently of J. Alves and of Leonora C. Francis, North easterly Three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet more or less to the line of lands formerly of one Edward Horner and more recently of John G. Mattos; thence Easterly along the latter mentioned line One hundred and twenty-four (124) feet more or less to the line of lands known as the August May Tract; thence Southeast-ly along the latter mentioned line One hundred and thirteen (113) feet more or less to the Northeastly line of said Survey No. 89 of said ex-Mission lands; thence along the latter mentioned line Northwesterly One hundred (100) feet more or less to an angle in the latter mentioned boundary line; and thence Southwesterly and following the Northwesterly boundary line of the latter mentioned land Three hundred and twenty (320) feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Said real property is otherwise designated and described as Lot No. One hundred (100), Survey No. Ninety (90), of the lands of the ex-Mission San Jose, in Section Thirty (30) in Township Four (4) South, Range One (1) West, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, containing 51.100 (.51) of an acre according to the official plat of the survey of the said land on file in the General Land Office. Being the same premises described in the United States Patent issued to the heirs of Hiram D. Compton under date of December 15th, 1915, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of the County of Alameda, State of California, in Liber C of Patents, at page 434.

Terms and conditions of Sale: Cash in United States Gold Coin; Ten percent of the purchase price to be paid to the undersigned at the time of sale, balance on confirmation of said sale by said Superior Court.

All bids and offers must be in writing and left in the said office of Thomas C. Huxley, or delivered to the undersigned, or filed in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court at any time after the first publication hereof. Dated: November 24th, 1916.

H. W. Emerson,
Sole Referee

Thomas C. Huxley,
Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Union Savings Bank Bldg.,
Oakland, Calif.

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROBATING WILL, ETC.,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of NELLIE A. HORN,

Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that a petition for the probate of the Will of Nellie A. Horn, deceased, and for the issuance to William E. Horn of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Wednesday, the 13th day of December A.D. 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the Courtroom of Department No. 4 of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, November 21st, 1916.
GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk
By H. Henningsen,
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROBATING WILL, ETC.,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES W. TURNER, also known as J. W. Turner,

Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the Will of James W. Turner, also known as J. W. Turner, deceased, and for the issuance to Margaret R. Turner of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Wednesday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, November 21st, 1916.
GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk
By H. Henningsen,
Deputy Clerk.

No. 21469.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, Department No. 4 thereof, made on the Fifteenth day of November, 1916, in the matter of the estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., deceased, the undersigned administrator of the estate of said decedent, will sell at private sale for cash in United States Gold Coin and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court on or after Wednesday the Sixth day of December 1916, the following described Real Estate belonging to the Estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., deceased, either as a whole or in subdivisions, as hereinafter described.

The property referred to is situated in the Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows to-wit:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Niles, Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Numbers Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) in Block Number 66 as said lots and block are laid down and designated on the Official Map of the Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State of California.

Offers or bids must be in writing and will be received at the Office of Thos. J. Power, Attorney at Law, Irvington, Alameda County, California, at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of sale. Said sale will be made to the highest bidder and ten percent of the purchase price is payable at the time of sale, balance upon confirmation by the Court.

Dated November 15th, 1916.
MICHAEL PALMER,
Administrator of the estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., Deceased.

THOS. J. POWER,
Irvington, Alameda Co., Cal.
Attorney for said Administrator.

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NILES

Mr. Melville Bowman, formerly interested in the gravel industry in Niles was greeted with pleasure on our streets few days ago by many old friends. Since his marriage, his residence has been at Boewawee, Nevada.

A meeting,—not a very large one however,—was held Wednesday evening of last week with County Farm Advisor Mr. Rubell.

Some of us are wondering why more of the farmers and orchardists in this vicinity do not improve the opportunity of securing expert, scientific information and instruction from the Agricultural department of our State University.

Recently Mrs. Lindburg entertained at a Belvoir luncheon, the ladies who are associated with herself as members of a card club.

Her guests were Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Sneden, Mrs. Ellsworth Jr., Mrs. Walpert, Mrs. Trimmingham, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Richmond. After the luncheon the party adjourned for the usual afternoon amusement of card playing.

The wedding of Miss Alice M. Kelley of Niles, sister of Mrs. W. V. Eberly and E. S. Bergstrom of Eureka formerly with the California Nursery Co. will take place at the Eberly home in Niles to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kirk were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McConaughy of San Lorenzo on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Grace Dibble of San Jose is a guest this week of Miss M. W. Shinn.

Mr. George Moore left for Turlock on Wednesday morning in response to a telegram telling of the serious illness of his mother, who has reached the advanced age of 98 years.

Messrs. J. C. Shinn and Chester Hatch returned on Monday afternoon from a successful duck hunt near Los Banos.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmingham will take Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Sunol.

Miss Milicent Shinn will have a family reunion on Thanksgiving day. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kasch of Ukiah, and Mrs. Chas. Shinn of North Fork will be among her guests.

Belvoir will entertain many out-of-town guests for Thanksgiving dinner and good cheer will prevail.

The Parents and Teachers Association will hold a general meeting on the second Friday evening in December. At the assembly room of the school to complete plans for a Christmas tree for the school children. All members are requested by the President Mrs. Oakeshott to make an extra effort to be present.

Mrs. Oakeshott will have her mother Mrs. Blisdel of Alameda and her sister and family Mrs. and Mr. P. F. Howard and two children of Piedmont with her for Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. George Hudson will have her daughters at home for the day, Mr. and Mrs. Button and Miss Betty, of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnicot of Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis will receive a visit from their son Austin with his wife and two children from Folsom who will spend Thanksgiving at the Niles home.

The Country Club will hold its January meeting on Tuesday of next week at the Clubhouse in Centerville. A Christmas play "The Tree Triumphant" will be given by twenty-four

children who are being drilled in their parts by Mrs. Mila Norris and Mrs. Austin Bunting. The hostess for the day are Mrs. A. T. Biddle and Mrs. Lawrence Bunting.

Mr. Loyal L. Wirt of Boston who is on a lecture tour in California was a recent visitor in Niles. Mr. Wirt will be remembered as often filling the pulpit of the Niles Congregational church in days past.

On December the evening of Friday, 13th, the people of Niles are promised a rare treat—in a concert to be given by Mrs. W. W. Briggs of San Francisco, for the benefit of the Niles Congregational church. Mrs. Briggs is President of the San Francisco Musical Club, an organization numbering five hundred members, and will bring her friends with her to assist in the program free of charge. The following program will be presented.

Mrs. Wallace Wheaton Briggs, Soprano; Miss Olive Reed, Violin; Miss Florence Briggs, cello; Mrs. Clarke Pomeroy, pianist.

1. Trio. Spring's Awakening, E. Bach. Mrs. Pomeroy, Miss Reed and Mrs. Briggs.

2. The Star, James H. Rogers; A Birthday, R. Huntington Woodman. Mrs. Briggs.

3. Polonaise, Wieniawski; Souvenir, Drdla. Miss Reed.

4. La Livry, Air de Ballet No. 6, Chamblaud; Etude, Tremolo, Gottschalk. Mrs. Pomeroy.

5. Since First I Met Thee, Anton Rubenstein; Tarantella, Opus 23, W. H. Squire. Mrs. Briggs.

6. A California Night Song, Humphrey Stewart. Mrs. Briggs, Miss Briggs, Mrs. Pomeroy.

7. Trio, Elegie (3rd Movement), Arensky. Mrs. Pomeroy, Miss Reed, Mrs. Briggs.

Miss Theresa Nunes has been very ill for the past two weeks, but is reported as having slightly improved.

DECOTO

The Willett & Burr carpenters left this week to wreck another building at the former exposition grounds. The material will be brought to the Decoto repair and storage yards. Another building for storage purposes is contemplated by the company according to a statement made by Supt. F. A. Bartlett. The company has nearly finished the bungalow that is being erected and which will be occupied by Mr. Bartlett. The bungalow has a tile roof and will have a cement plaster finish. The company at present is renting out a great deal of its equipment to various contracting firms and the work of sending out and repairing equipment keeps a number of men employed all the time.

Joseph Freitas, father of Marian Freitas of Decoto, passed away suddenly at his home back of Mission Peak last Saturday afternoon, death coming suddenly from an attack of heart disease. Deceased had been a farmer in this section for many years and was sixty-eight years of age. The funeral was held Tuesday with mass at the Catholic Church in Mission San Jose and interment in the Catholic cemetery at the Mission.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Mary Freitas he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Emma Fox of Richmond, Mrs. J. S. Furtado of Centerville, Miss Pauline Freitas of Mission San Jose, and five sons, Marian Freitas of Decoto, Manuel Freitas of Centerville, Joseph and John and Frank Freitas of Mission San Jose.

Joseph Roderick, deputy county clerk, visited his father at Livermore last Sunday. Mr. Roderick Sr. has been there for medical attention for several weeks.

The Decoto school enjoyed the usual Thanksgiving holidays Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Olson visited in San Francisco Sunday.

Miss Annis Whipple of Towle was the guest of Miss Rose Smith Wednesday. Miss Whipple has been visiting her sister Miss Izobel Whipple in Oakland for several weeks and returns this week to Drum in Placer County where her folks now reside.

Ted Whipple and Earl Meyer left Thursday by automobile for a trip to Bakersfield.

IRVINGTON

Mrs. E. Hirsch spent the week end in Oakland.

Mr. E. J. Ismert was called to San Francisco owing to the illness of his sister Mrs. A. Bacon.

Mrs. F. Miller spent the week end in Oakland and San Francisco.

Dr. Grimmer and George Lowrie went on a duck hunt to Los Banos and had very good success.

Mr. H. Ford of Stockton is visiting his mother and father.

Mr. J. Weeks visited with friends the fore part of the week. He will spend Thanksgiving with his niece in Oakland, Mrs. W. Young; then he will go on a visit to his sister Mrs. W. Blacow in Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Witherly and children spent the week at the home of T. D. Witherly.

STATE HEALTH BOARD AFTER DRUG FAKIRS

Although the much bejewelled street fakir with silk-hat and long-coat, who sells wonderful cure-alls, is almost never heard of now, the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the California State Board of Health recently found one of this type in Imperial county. He prefaced his smooth salesmanship with an entertainment, and strange to relate, found many customers for his "New Life Water" which he claimed would cure kidney and stomach diseases, catarrh, eye trouble and many other ills. An examination of the product by the Bureau revealed the fact that the claims made for the so-called remedy were so fantastically extravagant that the matter was referred by the Board to the District Attorney for prosecution.

In Sonoma county the Bureau found the manufacture of California's Lakure, a so-called remedy for diphtheria, cuts, burns, tumors, skin diseases and many other ailments. The claims made for the product were preposterous, as revealed by the chemical analysis made by the Bureau, and this matter was also referred to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Many fraudulent remedies, with extravagant claims printed upon the labels, are sold without the spectacular methods of the fakir with his street entertainment. The California State Board of Health has declared war upon all such fraudulent cures, whether they are sold over the counter or upon the street.

The Rule:

Never do today
what can be put
off till tomorrow.

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You can "catch" colds only from a person who has a cold, according to the California State Board of Health. Acute colds are not caused by over-eating, or lack of fresh air and sleep. These are but predisposing factors. All acute colds are due to infection received from another person who is infected.

Dirty hands, soiled handkerchiefs, common drinking cups and eating utensils are some of the ordinary vehicles by which the infection is transferred. The promiscuous sneezer, who does not sneeze into his handkerchief, is also a big factor in the spread of acute colds. In order to keep well, one must observe the common rules of hygiene, and to avoid a cold he must keep away from a person who has a cold. This is easier said than done, for there are large numbers of people who are harboring such infections.

Much misinformation regarding the avoidance of colds is published. There is no denial of the fact that a person must do all that is possible to keep his bodily resistance up, but it is a mistake to claim that colds are caused by indiscretions in mode of living.

WEDS AGAIN

Thomas J. Power, local attorney of Irvington, was married this week to Miss Catherine Downs of Oakland.

ALVARADO

Miss Beryl Farley leaves the latter part of the week for Needles, on the Arizona border, to accept a position as teacher in the public school there.

Mr. Everett Richmond of San Francisco spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the home of his brother Mr. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Genevieve Ford has been unable to attend school during the fore part of the week, owing to sickness.

Miss Mildred Nauert and sister Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller entertained at cards on Thursday of last week.

Mr. E. L. Farley left the early part of last week for his ranch at Raymond in Madera Co. Mr. Farley made the trip in his new machine.

The local school remains closed Friday after being closed Thursday for Thanksgiving. Miss Lyle and Mr. Creed spent the vacation in Berkeley and Miss Bunker spent Thanksgiving day at the home of her brother in Newark.

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